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In re Application of
Doug Hutcheson et al
Application No. 09/772,065
Filed: January 30, 2001
Attorney Docket No. 50310-00631

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed January 7, 2005, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 in a timely manner to the final Office action mailed June 21, 2004, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. A one (1) month extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) was obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on October 22, 2004.

The above-identified application is being revived solely for purposes of continuity with a submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (request for continued examination (RCE)).

An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 must be filed prior to the expiration of the maximum extendable period for reply. See In re Application of S., 8 USPQ2d 1630, 1631 (Comm'r Pats. 1988). Accordingly, since the \$225 extension of time submitted with the petition on January 7, 2005 was subsequent to the maximum extendable period for reply, this fee is unnecessary and will be credited to petitioner's deposit account.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Wan Laymon at (571) 272-3220.

This matter is being referred to Technology Center 2683 for processing of the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114.

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